



# Department of Toxic Substances Control

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Dear Interested Party:

## REMOVAL MEASURE FOR THE SOIL PILE AT PIER 92, PORT OF SAN FRANCISCO

The California Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) has approved a Work Plan (Plan) for removal of approximately 15,000 cubic yards of contaminated soil from Pier 92 at the Port of San Francisco. The project proponent is the Port of San Francisco (the Port). The excavation and removal of soil is tentatively scheduled to begin Thursday, December 12, 2002.

The soil pile occupies less than 2 acres and is located on Amador Street, south of the Fish Meal Building on Pier 92 in the Port of San Francisco. The soil was originally transported to this location for remediation of petroleum hydrocarbon contamination and also contains low levels of lead contamination. The Plan submitted by the Port involves the loading of the soil into railcars and the transport of the soil by railroad to the ECDC Environmental L.C., Sanitary Landfill in East Carbon City, Utah. In general, work hours will be from 8 pm to 6 am nightly. Work may occur on both weekdays and weekends. Removal of the soil is expected to take approximately 4 weeks.

The Port has assured DTSC that there has been adequate and substantive public participation during the development of this work plan. DTSC has received several comments from interested community members in support of the Plan and its timely implementation. The Port will also take measures to minimize any disturbances to nearby neighbors through mitigation measures implemented for dust control. These measures include soil stabilization during the excavation, loading, and transportation of the soil. The Port developed contingencies for any feasible emergency should it occur.

The project has been determined to be exempt from environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act. Title 14, Section 15330, California Code of Regulations provides a Categorical Exemption for small or medium removal actions, to prevent, minimize, stabilize, mitigate or eliminate the release of hazardous substances, which costs \$1 million or less and will not result in significant environmental effects. The project met these criteria. A Notice of Exemption, describing that basis for this decision has been prepared and will be filed with the Office of Planning and Research, State Clearinghouse in Sacramento. A copy of the Notice of Exemption is available for review in the repository listed below.

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The final Work Plan and a copy of the Notice of Exemption will be available for review by the Public on December 12, 2002 person wishing to review the Work Plan or the Notice of Exemption may do so at the following location:

DTSC  
Berkeley Region Office  
700 Heinz Avenue Suite 200  
Berkeley, CA 94710-2721  
Contact: File Room Clerk  
Phone: (510) 540-2122

and

Anna E. Waden Public Library  
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